







13 South East Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting, Jakarta Outcomes:

The 13th Annual SEA Leadership Meeting was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 27-28 of September 2016, with the participation of the leaders of Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent, Cambodian Red Cross, Indonesian Red Cross (PMI), Lao Red Cross, Malaysia Red Crescent, Myanmar Red Cross, Philippines Red Cross, Singapore Red Cross, Thai Red Cross, Timor-Leste Red Cross (CVTL) and Viet Nam Red Cross. The meeting was hosted by the PMI of Indonesia and supported by ICRC and IFRC.

The leaders of SEA NS discussed a number of important issues relevant to the strengthening of the Sustainability of National Societies, the Movement Coordination and Cooperation, the cooperation with ASEAN, as well as the One Billion Coalition of Resilience. These issues follow on from the previous meetings and build on the outcomes and conclusions adopted, as well as on the different work-streams and SEA regional for a including the Community Safety and Resilience Forum and the SEA Youth and Volunteer network.

The leaders of SEA NS expressed their appreciation and gratitude to PMI Chairman, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia H.E. Mr. Muhammad Jusuf Kalla and to PMI for their hosting and facilitation of the meeting.

The leaders of the SEA National Societies, guided by the Movement's Fundamental Principles to save human lives and preserve human dignity, and inspired by the spirit of ASEAN to enhance humanitarian cooperation, agreed to build on their discussions and take the following agenda forward:

1. Sustainability of Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies: the SEA NS are committed to build on the momentum generated by the IFRC's General Assembly adopted National Society Development Framework and outcomes of the OCAC process to work towards enhancing the financial sustainability of the National Society by diversifying funding sources, expanding partnerships with government partners, the private sector and the public. Building strong and sustainable NS is the aspiration of all NS, some have good and successful experiences to share with the others through peer to peer support and solidarity.

The SEA NS recognise that financial sustainability as well as the integrity of NS are directly linked to the capacity to deliver services and support to vulnerable communities. Only a strong Society, supported by a robust volunteer network and with a culture of youth engagement, a strong funding base, and high-quality leadership, can deliver on its mandate.

The commitment to take this agenda forward includes developing appropriate communications and marketing strategies, positioning NS on SDGs implementation and other global agendas, greater access to governmental support and global funds, strategic partnership with corporate sector, greater stable membership income, leveraging the collective capacity of the Movement and reliance on primarily domestic sources.

2. One Billion Coalition for Resilience: The initiative aims to enable one billion people, by 2025, to take active steps to strengthen their resilience. In December 2015, the One Billion Coalition was officially launched at the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and was endorsed as one of the main commitments of the World Humanitarian Summit. Although it was initiated by the RCRC, the one billion coalition initiative is a proposed platform for collaboration and partnerships at local, regional and global levels.

Building and strengthening community resilience lies at the heart of the SEA NS mission. It has been part of their day to day work, from prevention to awareness raising, from building preparedness to responding and recovering from shocks, to addressing vulnerabilities and marginalisation.

SEA NS will explore ways of capturing such work under the one billion resilience framework, and will explore possibilities of convening national platforms and building partnerships to utilise the momentum and the benefits of such a global campaign. The SEA NS considered the Singapore RC model of the one billion coalition as a model of building a step by step campaign. They also welcomed the IFRC's development of appropriate tools as well as the guide to NS.

3. Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation: The focus of the SMCC is on large scale emergency operations when Movement components are called upon to support affected NS. It is also a commitment expressed in the resolution adopted at the Council of Delegates (CoD). The components of the Movement are expected to report on the implementation and progress made at the CoD meeting in 2017.

The SEA NS emphasised the critical importance of preparedness and a well-coordinated and coherent response supported from the very onset with standardised tools and mechanisms. They considered the different elements of the resolution and the plan of action including the establishment of pre-emergency and cooperation agreements, an inclusive leadership based on a summit shortly after the emergency hits to clarify responsibilities and assign tasks based on capacity to support. The importance of reinforcing the national society leadership of the response, towards mobilizing local domestic resources for the emergency and providing a significant contribution to the recovery phase (support national leadership in recovery). Reinforce the external communication on the Red Cross Red Crescent action, better positioning the Movement as well as effective advocacy for the humanitarian needs. Intensify and support regional cooperation as a main pillar of the support from Movement partners, including cross border and peer to peer cooperation.

4. Strengthening cooperation with ASEAN: The SEA NS work with their government partners in the national implementation of relevant ASEAN programs and plans especially the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response AADMER. All SEA NS are members of their national disaster management organizations, and are mandated with specific roles and responsibilities in line with the RCRC mandate and fundamental principles.

At the regional level the SEA NS work with the IFRC secretariat as well as with other partners in the implementation of the AADMER work program as well as on the advocacy and humanitarian diplomacy efforts. The SEA NS welcome the recognition by AEAN of the important contribution of IFRC and SEA NS in the identified four areas of the eight priority programs.

The SEA NS are committed to build on the achievements thus far and enhance the cooperation with ASEAN in all relevant fields especially in disaster preparedness, risk reduction and response. SEA NS are called upon to engage with their government partners on ASEAN issues and support the regional efforts to ensure the recognition of the RCRC role as an independent, impartial and neutral humanitarian actor.

The SEA NS agreed to build on the strategic dialogue with ASEAN Member States and Secretariat and establish a clear strategy to be discussed and adopted at the upcoming 14th Annual SEA RCRC Leadership Meeting, including to pursue the efforts to conclude the MoU between the ASEAN and the IFRC Secretariats.

The SEA NS leaders welcomed the proposal by the VNRC to host the 14th Annual South East Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leadership Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2017. The ICRC and IFRC together with the SEA NS will support the preparations to ensure the successful convening of the next leadership meeting.

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